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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - GUN VIOLENCE LEGISLATION

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## **Executive Summary**

This memorandum is to provide the Board an update on the status of legislation and County advocacy efforts in Sacramento relating to gun violence as well as the status of bills of significant interest to the County related to guns and gun violence.

## Overview

As previously reported, a package of eight Senate bills collectively named the Life Act, which addresses gun violence issues, was introduced earlier in the Legislative Session and is a key priority of Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg and Legislative Leadership. Since introduction, the package of bills has continued to move through the legislative process.

County-supported SB 140, related to additional funding for the Armed Prohibited Persons System, passed the Legislature and was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2013 as an urgency measure and became effective immediately. The remaining seven bills, including County-supported SB 53, related to ammunition purchase permits, recently passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee and are set to be considered in the Assembly Appropriations Committee over the next couple of weeks. If passed, the bills would head to the Assembly Floor for consideration.

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This office will continue to provide ongoing reports on State and Federal gun-related legislation and will keep the Board apprised of significant developments related to guns and gun violence.

## Senate Package of Gun Violence Legislation

County-supported SB 53 (De León), which as amended on June 27, 2013, would: 1) require that the delivery of any kind of ammunition occur in a face-to-face transaction; 2) require that, commencing July 1, 2015, only a licensed ammunition vendor may sell ammunition; 3) require specified information be recorded at the time of delivery of any type of ammunition to a purchaser; 4) require, commencing July 1, 2017, that a purchaser of ammunition be authorized to purchase ammunition by the California Department of Justice (DOJ); 5) authorize, commencing January 1, 2017, the issuance of ammunition purchase authorizations by the DOJ to applicants who are residents of the State, at least 18 years of age, not prohibited from possessing ammunition and who pay a required fee, and 6) include in the Statewide Armed Prohibited Persons System those individuals prohibited from possessing ammunition. SB 53 passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 5 to 2 on July 2, 2013.

County-supported SB 140 (Leno and Steinberg), which as amended on April 11, 2013, would appropriate \$24.0 million to the California Department of Justice from the Dealers' Record of Sale Special Account for the limited purpose of addressing the current Armed Prohibited Persons System backlog, was signed by the Governor on May 1, 2013. SB 140 is an urgency measure and, therefore, took effect immediately.

SB 47 (Yee), which as amended on August 6, 2013, would revise the definition of an assault weapon prohibited under California law to guns that do not have a fixed magazine but any one of a series of attributes, would further define a fixed magazine, and would require that any person who lawfully possessed an assault weapon, from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2013, to register the firearm by July 1, 2015, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

SB 374 (Steinberg, Hancock and Yee), which as amended on August 5, 2013, would classify a gun that does not have a fixed magazine with the capacity to accept no more than 10 rounds as an assault weapon and would require a person who, between January 1, 2001, and December 31, 2013, lawfully possessed an assault weapon, as defined, to register the firearm by July 1, 2015, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

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SB 396 (Hancock and Steinberg), which as amended on May 15, 2013, would: 1) revise the definition of a large capacity magazine to mean capable of holding more than 10 rounds; 2) commencing July 1, 2014, make it an offense to possess a large-capacity magazine, regardless of the date the magazine was acquired; and 3) authorize various methods by which a person in lawful possession of a large-capacity magazine may dispose of the magazine, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

SB 567 (Jackson), which as amended on August 5, 2013, would revise the definition of a shotgun to delete the requirement that it be intended to be fired from the shoulder and would clarify that the projectile may be fired through either a rifled bore or a smooth bore, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

SB 683 (Block), which as amended on August 7, 2013, would: 1) commencing January 1, 2015, prohibit a person from purchasing or receiving any firearm without a valid firearm safety certificate; 2) prohibit any person from selling, delivering, loaning, or transferring any firearm to a person who does not have a valid firearm safety certificate; and 3) commencing January 1, 2015, require a safe handling demonstration for purchasers of long guns, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

SB 755 (Wolk), which as amended on June 27, 2013, would: 1) add misdemeanor offenses to those that bar a person from owning or possessing any firearm for 10 years; 2) apply the 10-year firearms prohibition period to persons convicted of two or more misdemeanors within a 3-year period involving intoxication or possession of certain controlled substances; and 3) prohibit a person who has been ordered by a court to obtain assisted outpatient treatment from purchasing or possessing any firearm or other deadly weapon while subject to assisted outpatient treatment, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 4 to 2 on August 13, 2013.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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